



Gore Hill County Water District Newsletter Mar 2022

Project Update

The new wells project was advertised requesting bids by the 4th of April. A Contractor's pre-bid meeting was held on March 28th with a question and answer session being provided. Separate sealed bids for construction of the Gore Hill Water System Improvements will be received by the Gore Hill Water District at the office of Great West Engineering, 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 4, 2022 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of drilling two new wells replacing the existing water supply wells, relocating the gas chlorination systems adjacent to the treatment buildings, installing an automatic transfer switch on the existing backup generator, installing a radio telemetry system and dialer for the water system, installing two pressure sensing points in the distribution system, lining the interior of the concrete tanks with an elastomeric urethane coating and installing polyphosphate chemical feed equipment in both treatment plants. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined, or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Dr, phone 406-449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of \$50 per set, which is not refundable.

The district once again applied for American Rescue Plan Act 2021 funding both through Cascade County and the State of Montana; Cascade County has pledged \$277,250. We have not received word yet as to how the district rated in the round 2 ARPA funding. As has been previously discussed and reiterated – WE ARE ON BORROWED TIME WITH THE 50-YEAR-OLD EXISTING WELLS CURRENTLY IN USE. The project is currently at \$1,100,000 for completion. If the district does not receive any grants, each current customer will be looking at approximately a \$26/month flat rate increase to fund

the project and pay back the State Revolving Fund loan we are eligible for.



System Leak

Unfortunately, it appears that there is a leak/leaks within the water district system. We are losing approximately 200,000-300,000 gallons per month that we cannot account for. Please, if you see water standing or notice anything unusual with your water, notify the district at once. Since the water does not always surface leaks can be very difficult to locate. We purchased equipment to help in the location of leaks.

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report Will Be Provided in Next Month's Billing

Selling Your Home

There have been an unprecedented number of homes sell within the water district. Please be aware that any unpaid water bills go with the property when it sells to the new owner if we are unable to collect from the previous owner. Most of the local title companies are particularly good about checking with the district before closing but it does not always happen. If you are selling your home, please be courteous and notify us.



Help Wanted

We have a yard mowing position open for our property located on 4503 62nd Ave SW. If interested in this position call (406) 761-6528. **Leave message if interested.**